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## UNION MEETINGS

### Announcement of Services for Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer will be observed with union services by five of the protestant churches of the city next week as follows:

Monday, January 3, 7:30 p. m., at First M. E. church. Subject: "Human History, a Witness for God." Speaker, Rev. L. A. Winn.

Tuesday, January 4, at the same hour, at the Central Christian church. Subject: "The Immovable Foundations." Speaker, Rev. James Omel-vena.

Wednesday, January 5, at the German Methodist church. Subject: "The Church of God on Earth." Speaker, Rev. F. M. Huckleberry.

Thursday, January 6, at the First Baptist church. Subject: "Missions, the Necessary Expression of Christian Devotion." Speaker, Rev. H. Knauff.

Friday, January 7, at the First Presbyterian church. Subject: "Things Within and Without." Speaker, Rev. H. H. Allen.

All of these services will begin at 7:30. These union services have been very interesting from year to year and have been very valuable in getting the christian people of the city closer together to work for needed reforms.

Much has been accomplished and the churches have learned many valuable lessons which will be helpful hereafter. All have learned to work together against the common enemy, sin and vice in all their forms, and to work for the general upbuilding of the morals of the community. When a common ground can be found on which all the churches of the city can unite we will be a long way toward solving the great moral questions which confront us. The Christian people of Seymour are in the majority and consequently are directly responsible for our moral conditions and any laxity that occurs in the enforcement of the laws.

These union services have usually been well attended and this year will probably be no exception in this regard. Extra care should be taken by the janitors of each of the various churches to see that their rooms are made comfortable, as a cold house would have bad effect on all the succeeding services of the week.

### Court Closes.

The November term of the Jackson circuit court closed today. Judge Shea will hold court in Scott County the second Monday in January. Several attorneys from here went down to Brownstown this morning to transact business before the term closed.

### Nazarene Church.

A watch-night service will be held this evening at the Nazarene church, beginning at 8:30. Those who desire to spend the closing hours of the old year in the sanctuary in the worship of God are invited to attend.

### U. V. L.

Installation of officers Monday night. All old soldiers and their wives invited. Bean supper served after installation.

T. A. REED, Chairman.

Fresh fish at Sweany's stand. 18dft

Big reductions on men's suits and overcoats, Dehler's. See window.

Try Sprenger's barber shop. Its the best. d3d

Have Berdon, the barber, shave you

The Andrews-Schwenk Drug Co.  
Registered Pharmacists

Prescriptions Correctly Compounded

Phone Your Wants

Old Phone 400 New Phone 633

### Progressive Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Blish and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Blish entertained fourteen couples of young people at their beautiful homes on north Chestnut street Thursday evening with a progressive dinner party, which was one of the most elaborate and enjoyable social events ever given in Seymour. The tables were arranged to accommodate groups of four and six and a dinner of eight courses was served. Two courses were served alternately at each home, the couples progressing and receding at each course. The house and tables were artistically decorated with cut flowers, holly and greenery.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the novel manner of finding partners for the different courses. Before one course at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Blish each guest was presented with a miniature birch bark canoe filled with fern. Upon each canoe was a card with the number of the table and couple, the corresponding numbers being held by partners. Before the fourth course, which was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Blish, each gentleman was presented with a card attached to which was a bow of ribbon. Partners were found by matching the ribbons held by the ladies and which ran from the library to their respective tables in the dining room.

### Dance.

The Christmas dance given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson on North Walnut street, following the dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Blish and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Blish, was

one of the most delightful dances of the season. The house was beautified with flowers, plants and holiday decorations. The color appointments were red and were most beautiful. The chandeliers were decorated with smilax, the lights being surrounded by red shades, and about the room were a number of candelabra of the same color. The music room, a veritable garden, was filled with large palms ferns and cut flowers. Favors, carrying out the color scheme were given to each of the guests.

Buttermilk, country buckwheat flour, dressed rabbits. Teckemeyer. j1d

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness toward us in the death and burial of our son and brother, Frank Hattabaugh.

We especially thank Mr. Voss and the railway men for their many favors and their courtesy, and Rev. F. M. Huckleberry, who conducted the funeral services. Your kindness is certainly very much appreciated.

MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW HATTABAUGH AND FAMILY.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our sad bereavement in the loss of our dear son and brother, Findley, and for the beautiful floral offerings from the B. of R. T. and friends. They will ever be held in great remembrance.

MRS. ANNA LEE AND DAUGHTER.

Celery, lettuce and cranberries at Brand's grocery. j1d

Cakes of all kinds and excellent pies every day fresh at the Loerts bakery. Try them

Every thirtieth hair cut free. Sprenger's barbershop. j1d

### Farmers' Short Course.

The annual Short Course for Farmers and Homemakers will be held January 10 to 15, 1910 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

The program for this week has been completed and is being distributed. All departments have strengthened their respective lines of work and it is conceded that the work planned for this year is the best ever attempted by Purdue. More than forty of the best farmers of the state will assist the Purdue Faculty in the instructional work, in this way those attending will receive special attention in the class room.

Many special features will be introduced. Among these are, the Discussion of Good Roads, by L. W. Page, Director, office of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture; the Discussion of Rural Betterment, by Professor C. R. Henderson, University of Chicago; an informal reception for all members of the course by the Corn Growers Association and the State Dairy Association; the annual meetings of the Corn Growers Association and State Dairy Association; special practical instruction in the identification of weeds; special demonstration in making of spray mixtures and all methods of combating insects, and the presentation of phases of household economics of interest to homemakers.

Classes will be made for dairymen, horticulturists, corn growers, stockmen, homemakers, boys and girls, and advanced work will be given in corn and stock judging for those who have attended previous courses.

Fresh oysters at Brand's grocery. j1d

### Medical Inspection.

That all school houses shall conform to natural sanitary laws is one of the legislature recommendations in the annual report of the State Board of Health, which was ordered sent to the printer Wednesday. The board also recommends that medical inspection of the schools be made compulsory. Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, has inspected schools all over the state, condemning thirty two in the last year for their unsanitary conditions. He has met with difficulty in getting the proper sort of buildings erected to replace those condemned and hopes to get legislation to make it possible to order the erection of buildings that will conform to "natural sanitary laws."

### Recalls Battle.

Frederick Miller recalls that forty seven years ago today occurred the battle at Parker's Cross Roads, in Tennessee, in which the 50th Indiana regiment participated. Col. Cyrus L. Dunham was in charge of the regiment. Some local men other than Mr. Miller who were in that battle were Ben Carter, James Honan, John Dixon, Joe McNalley, Elisha Ruddick, George Humphrey, Moss Burdsall, Bish Benton, George Reich, Al Fleenor and others who belong to Jackson county. It was a sharp conflict and members of the 50th who are yet living remember it very distinctly. Colonel Dunham had two horses shot under him during the battle.

Fresh oysters at Brand's grocery. j1d

### Business Change.

We have purchased the business of the Don C. Hoover Ice Company, the change effective January 1. Ice will be delivered anywhere within the city limits. Your patronage will be appreciated. Phones 645, and 621 mutual.

CLAUDE CARTER,  
HARRY JONES.

### Pythian Sisters.

All members are urged to be present next Monday evening, January 3. Election of officers and business of importance.

JENNIE GLASSON, M. E. C.  
MYRTLE MORTON, M. of R. & C.

j1d

Celery, lettuce and cranberries at Brand's grocery. j1d

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## DREAMLAND TONIGHT

"The Cattle Thieves"

Illustrated Song  
"Strolling Home with Jennie"  
By Miss Lois Reynolds  
Piano--Miss Edna Robbins

HOADLEY'S  
GROCERY

Will always sell as cheap as they can do it

## SALES MEN MEET

### Whitmer Medicine Company Men Get Together.

Several of the men who travel for the Whitmer Medicine Company, met here today and took dinner with W. P. Masters, the proprietor, at the New Lynn Hotel. They were here to talk over their work and confer with Mr. Masters about the work ahead for the coming year. They found the meeting in which there was a general exchange of ideas, quite helpful. Each man present has charge of an entire county in which he drives a wagon and sells direct to the people, the goods put out by the company. Those present were:

J. W. Briner, of Washington county; Thos. Kershner, of Jackson county; Willis Carlock, of Jennings county; D. W. Taught, of Scott county, L. W. Carlock, of Jefferson county, and Frank Dilks, of Ripley county. The reports made today show that each one of these men is doing a good business and the outlook for a still better business in 1910 is excellent.

Besides these county men the company has five route wagons that go into different counties, each covering a regular route. The business of the company has been growing rapidly since Mr. Masters took charge. The line of remedies and extracts manufactured and sold are standard and find a ready sale. A full line of spices will be added in the near future.

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### Purchases Coal Business.

U. G. Miller has purchased the coal, cement and lime business of Mrs. A. W. Mills, and took charge of the business Thursday. This is an established business and has always enjoyed a good trade. Mr. Miller will continue the coal and lime business and will add several new lines. He will carry a supply of kindling and will also handle various kinds of building brick. Mr. Miller is a good business man and will command a good trade. Mrs. Mills has been sick for a month and unable to look after the business.

### GREAT RADIIUM FIND

Colorado to Furnish the World With the Precious Stuff.

Denver, Col., Dec. 31.—The largest known body of pitch-blende ore in the world has been discovered in the German mine at Central City, Col. Assays brought to Denver by Herman Fleck, professor of chemistry of the Colorado School of Mines, show that the ore runs almost treble the highest percentage of all uranium mines before discovered. The strike means that the demands of the scientific and medical world for the precious radium, which sells for \$2,500,000 an ounce, will be satisfied at an early date.

### New Treasurer.

Henry Price will become treasurer of Jackson county tomorrow, succeeding Adam Heller, who has served two terms as treasurer and several years before as deputy. Henry Albering will be Mr. Price's chief deputy. Mr. Price moved to Brownstown a few weeks ago. He was elected for a term of two years but is not likely to have any opposition for a second nomination.

### Dr. J. Whitmer Dead.

Mrs. H. C. Whitmer received a telegram this afternoon stating that Dr. J. Whitmer, father of the late Dr. H. C. Whitmer, was dead at his home in Rushville, O. He was the founder of Whitmer Medicine Company, of Ohio, and was known here.

### Born.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Meyers, of S. Carter St., Thursday, Dec. 30, a daughter.

### Notice

Reduced prices on men's odd trousers, Dehler's. See window.

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### Friday and Saturday Specials

Guaranteed flour ..... 69c  
Patent flour ..... 75c  
Picnic ham, per lb. ..... 14c  
Fancy breakfast bacon, per lb. .... 20c  
Heavy bacon, per lb. ..... 15c  
Smoked jowlbutts, per lb. ..... 14c  
Western granulated sugar, per 25 lb. sack ..... \$1.30  
Eastern granulated sugar, per 25 lb. sack ..... 1.35  
2 cans lye hominy ..... 15c  
2 cans standard corn ..... 15c  
2 cans standard peas ..... 15c  
2 cans table peaches ..... 25c  
3 bars Star or Lenox soap ..... 10c  
Cranberries, 3 quarts ..... 25c  
Oranges, per doz. ..... 15c  
Celery, grapes, Grimes' golden apples, grape fruit, bananas, nuts, etc., etc.

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### MAYES CASH GROCERY

Phone 638. All goods delivered.

### Will Grade English.

The State Board of Education has adopted a new rule, whereby it is believed that the standard of English in both common schools and high schools will be raised. The new rule provides that in all examinations of English and grammar, the English of the answers shall be graded. In the common school examinations, a basis of ten per cent is to be made on the English used, and a basis of ninety per cent used on the corrections of the answers. In the high school lists a basis of twenty-five per cent is to be used in grading the English used and a basis of seventy-five used in grading the answers.

### Birds Starving.

Because of the deep snow which covers the fields, the quails and imported Hungarian pheasants are finding it difficult to obtain food and it is said that many of them are starving. Many of the farmers of the state, especially those whose lands are included in the game preserves, are clearing the snow from the ground in the sheltered places, and placing seeds and grains for the birds. A number of the farmers of this county have regular feeding places each year, and are always careful to provide food for these valuable birds.

### Shop Changes Hands.

Cleveland Stewart has purchased the New Lynn barber shop of Elmer Johnson. He will give the same a general overhauling and make some interior improvements which will add to the appearance and convenience. Mr. Stewart has been employed by Mr. Johnson for the past two years and is a competent barber. He took charge of the shop Wednesday. Mr. Johnson will remain in the shop for the present in the employ of Mr. Stewart. This shop is well located and has always had a good patronage.

### No Smallpox.

No cases of smallpox have developed in Scipio from a reported exposure to the disease two weeks ago and it is now believed that none will develop. There are some in the neighborhood who declare that the sick man who was in Scipio did not have the smallpox. However, all who were exposed or supposed to have been exposed have been vaccinated. At about the time of the smallpox scare at Scipio diphtheria broke out in the neighborhood. The disease is now epidemic and three children have died from it.

### C. of H. Watch-Meeting.

As usual the members of the Court of Honor will give their annual watch-meeting and entertainment in their hall in the Hustedt block this evening. The room will be made comfortable and pleasant for all the members of the order who want to have a good social time and enjoy the entertainment. There will be a variety of numbers on the program and something to suit everybody.

### Funeral.

The funeral of George Cole, who died Tuesday afternoon, occurred Thursday afternoon at 2.30 at his residence on N. Chestnut street. The funeral was in charge of the Elks Lodge, quite a number of whom were present besides many other friends of the family. The remains were interred at Riverview cemetery.

### Closing Notice.

The post-office will be closed New Year's day, January 1, 1910, from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open from 6 p. m. to 7 p. m. The carriers will make the usual morning delivery and evening collection. Carrier windows will be open from 6 p. m. to 7 p. m. Office will close at 7 p. m.

W. P. MASTERS, P. M.

### Purchase Three Carloads.

C. O. Dupuy, of Pawnee, Ill., T. M. Smith, of Kinmundy, Ill., and T. J. Harris, of Smithfield, Ill., were in this city Thursday on business and each purchased a carload of buggies of the Ahlbrand Carriage Company. They were accompanied by H. C. Wilhite, state agent of the Ahlbrand's in the state of Illinois.

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## THE REPUBLICAN

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### INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

The Iron Age says the structural steel trade, which seemed a few weeks ago to be entering a quiet period, has taken on new activity. Rail buying keeps up.

The Great Northern is reported to have taken 40,000 tons for next year and the New Haven's needs are put at 15,000 tons. An order for 20,000 tons additional for one of the Harriman lines has gone to the Tennessee mill.

The Iron Trade Review has this to say of business during the past week: Following the record breaking of October in manufacturing and selling iron and steel products the trade is showing a disposition to slacken its pace. While specifications on finished products continue very heavy there is not the rush of last month, and at some mills easier conditions are beginning to prevail. Plate manufacturers estimate that from 25,000 to 30,000 cars are now being figured on. Rail sales of the week included about 100,000 tons by the Illinois Steel company to a number of roads, 20,000 tons by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company to the Illinois Central, and 24,000 tons by the Carnegie Steel company. It is expected that work will soon be begun in the building of the Brooklyn subway, which will require from 25,000 to 30,000 tons of various kinds of structural material.

The American Shipbuilding company has received contracts for four more ore boats for furnace interests in the central west, each will be about 9000 tons burden, about 8000 tons of steel plates being required. The aggregate cost of construction is estimated at about \$1,250,000.

The car orders now pending, some of which are expected to be placed at any moment, will require about 250,000 tons of steel plates and shapes.

The Carnegie Steel company has issued official notice of its intention to build an immense finishing mill plant at Girard, O., adjoining the Ohio works here. The new mill will have a capacity of 30,000 tons per month, to be increased to 60,000.

The Baltimore Car & Foundry company, which was recently absorbed by the Standard Steel Car company, will resume operations in full about December 1. Approximately 1000 men will be given work, against about 500 now employed at the plant. The works will be greatly enlarged, and when the additions are made it is said from 3000 to 4000 men will be carried on the payrolls, involving disbursements of from \$36,000 to \$48,000 weekly.

The Carnegie Steel company has purchased some 10,000 tons of foreign ferro manganese from foreign makers at about \$45 per ton, delivered in Pittsburgh, for the first half of 1910, and a Pittsburgh dealer is credited with having purchased a similar amount at a slightly higher figure for deliveries running over the whole of next year. The expectation is that ferro manganese will rule higher in the new year.

Orders for between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of rails have been closed. It is understood that while the bulk of the New York Central system contracts for rails will go to the Buffalo and Chicago mills that a fair tonnage will be rolled at Pittsburgh, and also that the Bethlehem and Pennsylvania Steel companies will have a small share, while a few thousand tons for the Michigan Central roads in Canada will go to a Dominion mill.

The United States Steel corporation will spend \$500,000 for a universal Portland cement company at Buffington, Ind., between Indiana Harbor and Gary, to double the size of its present plant and make it the largest cement manufacturing plant in the world. It will be a strong asset for any political party.

Large orders for steel cars continue to be the leading feature in the placing of new work, and one authority estimates that contracts for fully 35,000 cars will be awarded within the next few months. This is an enormous volume of business, and will require over 500,000 tons of steel.

Railroad car and locomotive builders have been notified that the manufacturers of the steel entering into their products will no longer sign contracts for delivery at present prices and that on December 1 a new schedule embodying general advances the extent of which has not yet been announced will go into effect.

The Lehigh Valley railroad has placed orders in the equipment market for 2000 freight cars. Of this number 250 steel gondolas will go to the Cambria Steel company and 750 steel gondolas and 1000 steel box cars to the Standard Steel Car company.

The tin mills have practically no unsold tonnage for this year, their prospective production being specified, while contracts booked will carry them practically to the end of the first quarter. The sheet mills are booked solidly for this year, and have fully half of the first quarter output sold in all grades. In blue annealed sheets they are booked farther ahead.

There does not seem to be any question in the minds of the leaders in the iron and steel trade that 1910 will break previous production records. With a pig iron production rate of 30,800,000 tons a year already attained, with some old furnaces not yet blown in, and more than a half a dozen altogether new furnaces scheduled for completion well before April 1, the country's pig iron capacity will easily be beyond 32,000,000 tons a year, and with some additional furnaces coming in after April 1, it would be possible to make it between 32,000,000 and 33,000,000 tons in the calendar year 1910. The expectation is that actual production will closely approximate the capacity, and if the expectation is realized, the outputs of between 25,000,000 and 26,000,000 tons in 1909 and 1910, considered so remarkable at the time, will look rather small.

A better demand is experienced for light section rails and it is difficult for industrial roads to obtain early deliveries for such weights. Heavy section rails, however, for December delivery are more readily available. It is estimated that total contracts for heavy sections for 1909 and 1910 delivery thus far placed aggregate 3,200,000 tons, of which 1,700,000 tons are for shipment this year.

#### A Big Gun Soon to Be Tested.

The fourteen-inch gun just completed by the Midvale Steel company, of Philadelphia, has been taken to the Washington navy yard, where the finishing touches will be given, including the installation of the breech mechanism. As soon as the gun is ready for the firing test it will be towed to the proving grounds at Indian Head, Md. If the tests are a success the new type of gun will take the place of twelve-inch guns in the turrets of new battleships. Some of them at plants which are op-

## FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

### The Question?

Mary had a little lamb;  
For it she ceased to care.  
Her affection were transplanted  
To a little Teddy bear.

Of this she also wearied,  
As so often is the case,  
And a saucy Billy Possum  
Came to take poor Teddy's place.

And now I often wonder,  
When Bill's no more the rule,  
Will she lavish her affections  
On a little Bryan mule? —Lippincott's.

### Mortgage Investment.

The return on capital put into safe mortgages is lessening. Six per cent. is an exceptional yield, the prevailing rate on farm loans being about five, and that on real estate loans in the big cities four and a half. These are the rates on the absolutely safe mortgages; various companies offer—and pay—higher rates, but the distinction must be made between the company that borrows money on its bonds to use in real estate speculation and the company whose bonds are based on conservative first mortgages on good property. As always, the risk increases with the increase of rate of promised return. In England it is usually said that real safety can not be assured until 4 per cent. or under is reached.

With the limit of safe return known, the problem of getting the average investor to buy becomes harder. Wildcat promoters and the chronic anti-savings bank financiers work diligently to divert money into speculative ventures. The good, safe mortgages in New York city, for instance, are quickly taken up by the few big customers like Mrs. Hetty Green, Mrs. Russell Sage, the life insurance companies, and savings banks.

The average mortgage in New York is too large for a small investor, but arrangements have been made by one or two companies that deal in this sort of securities to issue certificates in denominations ranging from \$200 to \$5000, cured either by large, first mortgages or a number of smaller ones. These certificates are sold outright, and the \$200 ones can be bought on the installment plan by buyers who want absolute safety and no worry about the property behind the mortgage. The companies guarantee an income of 4½ per cent. and insure the certificate holder against loss. One of the companies dealing in mortgage certificates has been so well managed since its organization, seventeen years ago, that no investor has ever suffered the loss of a dollar, and one of them claims that it has itself had no losses.—Collier's.

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### Votes for Women in Denver.

"It was a decided mistake to give women the right of the ballot," says a woman politician of Denver in Women's Home Companion. "But now that they have it, in my belief it is at much the duty of a woman to exercise that right as it is for her to observe her religious duties or to take proper care of her home. The average woman is better than the average man. At least that is my observation. The average woman politician is as bad as the average man politician—only she is worse! If the rank and file of women would join in one concerted movement to unseat both the professional man and the professional woman politician, then the right of franchise vested in women would prove a boon of inestimable value.

Like many another woman, I entered politics with the idea of purifying the political atmosphere. Since then it has been constant struggle on my part to keep my skirts clean. It is much the same thing as a woman marrying a man to reform him. In nine cases out of ten he draws her down to his own level instead of being lifted to hers.

"Women, generally speaking, vote to please the men. There are those who will take issue with this statement, but it is nevertheless true. Perhaps it may be different after the women are better educated in political affairs, if that time should ever come, but under existing conditions the women vote as the men suggest. Left to themselves and uninfluenced by the men, the women vote would be chaotic. We wouldn't know where we stood in an election till after the votes were all in, because women are influenced by all manner of things the ordinary mortal would not reckon with. By way of example, a really handsome man is a strong asset for any political party.

A contract involving about \$1,750,000 has been secured by the American Bridge company for the making and erection of the fabric of the new municipal bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis. This will be the first big bridge in the world to be erected of nickel steel. It was at first planned to use ordinary steel, of which 24,000 tons would be required, but it was decided to take the lighter, but stronger and more expensive nickel steel, of which 17,000 tons would be required. Nickel steel is estimated to be one-half stronger than ordinary steel. The cost of making, fabricating and erecting the steel work across the Mississippi will be about \$100 a ton, or five cents a pound.

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erating only during periods of unusual prosperity. New records were also made by many independent steel interests.

The Iron Age states that car works have taken some further large orders, and one builder of steel cars has 30,000 cars on its books, enough to keep its largest plant busy an entire year. The difficulty of getting material from the mills greatly hinders the delivery of new cars. Rail purchases for 1910 are estimated to be close to 1,500,000 tons thus far, of which 60 per cent. has been taken by Chicago district mills.

The American Iron and Steel Manufacturing company, Lebanon, Pa., will install a plant for the production of 50,000 to 60,000 tons of steel billets per annum by an electric process. The product will be consumed by the company.

The growing importance of the south as a manufacturing center is recalled by the announcement that the American Steel and Wire company will at once begin the erection of a wire mill in the Birmingham district. It will cost \$3,000,000, and will have a capacity of 400 tons a day.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has placed additional orders for 10,000 freight cars of which 5000 will be placed in service on the lines east of Pittsburgh and 5000 on the lines west. The allotments for the lines east comprise 3500 hopper gondola coal cars and 500 steel underframe flat cars to be built by the Pressed Steel Car company, and 1000 hopper gondola coal cars to be built by the Standard Steel Car company. For the lines west of Pittsburgh 2500 steel coke cars, 1500 gondola cars and 500 box cars will be built by the Pressed Steel Car company and 500 box cars by the Ralston Steel Car company. These orders are in addition to those for the regular replacements on the 1909 and 1910 schedules, for which 16,000 cars had already been ordered since the first of the year. The Pennsylvania Railroad company has also ordered 27,100 tons of standard steel rails from the Carnegie Steel company for delivery early next year. The rails will be used on the lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie.

The Montreal Herald says that following the merger of the Dominion Steel and Iron company and the Dominion Coal company, negotiations will be begun for the merger of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal company and the Soo corporation in the same combine. The four companies have a combined paid-up capital of \$89,917,600. If the proposals go through the combined companies will be capitalized at \$150,000,000 and will be the biggest industrial corporation in Canada.

Plans have been forwarded to New York for additions to the United States Steel corporation's Cleveland mills to cost, when completed, \$3,000,000. The Cleveland branches of the corporation have suffered from congestion for the past two years.

That at least \$500,000 a year is being lost to or withheld from the Krupps by the Carnegies and other steel firms using their patents was one of the features brought out at Pittsburg in taking testimony in the case of the Krupps and the Carnegies against the Midvale Steel company. The last named concern is accused of unwarranted use of ideas patented by the Krupps and for the use of which the Carnegie Steel company and others in the United States have been paid royalties.

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*He—"I venture to ask, madam, if you would endeavor to spare me something for the Home for Broken Down Washerwomen?"*

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**READING CIRCLE COST TOO MUCH****Indiana Teachers Decide to Cut Down Expenses.****CUT OFF EXTRAVAGANCES**

Last Year It Was Found That the Reading Circle Bureau's Expenses Amounted to \$3,000—This Being Considered Too Much, the Plan of Administering the Work Was Altered in the Interests of Economy—Officers Elected For Ensuing Year—Committee on Teachers' Pensions Continued.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—In its business session the Indiana State Teachers' association ripped up that part of its constitution under which the reading circle board operates, elected officers for the coming year, changed the time of its next annual convention, heard a report on the plan for pensioning teachers, and a report on the condition of the association's treasury.

The association officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—C. N. Kendall, superintendent of the Indianapolis public schools.

Vice Presidents—A. O. Fulkerson, Washington; Harry A. King, Moores Hill; Claude Trusler, Connersville; E. P. Wiles, Muncie; W. A. Wirt, Gary, and Homer Dilworth, superintendent of Steuben county.

Permanent Secretary-Treasurer—J. B. Pearcey, Anderson.

Recording Secretary—Miss Rosa M. R. Michaels, Newcastle.

Executive Committee—Richard Park of Sullivan, chairman; Claude Reavis, Oakwood City; E. A. Gladden, Scottsburg; Guy Hanna, state normal school, Terre Haute; Lee Swails, New Bethel; O. M. Pittenger, Frankfort; Ira B. Potts, Huntington; L. E. Neff, South Bend, and J. F. Haines, Noblesville.

The committee on the time of meeting made the time for the next convention the last week before Christmas.

The committee on necrology reported the death of eleven members during the year.

The auditing committee reported that the receipts of the convention a year ago were \$3,427.57 and the cash on hand before the convention of this week was \$836.03. The report said: "The finances of the association are in splendid condition."

The committee having in hand the proposition for pensioning teachers reported that it had not had time to complete its work and was continued.

The purpose of bringing about a radical change in the affairs of the reading circle board was due chiefly to an effort to cut down the cost of its operations, which has been steadily creeping up from one year to another, until last year the board's expenses amounted to \$3,000. Under the old order the members did their work on a per diem basis, including pay for days when they were at work, railroad fare, hotel bills and similar items. Under the new order each member will get \$50 a year as a salary and his railroad fare, and must "find" himself. Under changes made in the constitution the board will continue to have seven members. The state superintendent of public instruction is to be an ex-officio member, three county superintendents shall be on the board, one member shall be a city school superintendent, and the other two are to be chosen from the profession at large. This change was adopted without a dissenting vote.

**IMPORTANT DISCOVERY**

Valuable Art Treasure Revealed by Chance in Florentine Church.

Rome, Dec. 31.—An important discovery has been made by accident in the church of Santa Maria di Maggiore at Florence in the side chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Mt. Carmel.

Monks attempted to enlarge two small niches in the wall where holy oil was kept. While removing the plaster they discovered concealed underneath two marble tabernacles representing the figure of Christ, surrounded by angels, and flanked by two columns supporting a cornice bearing a graceful floral decoration. The workmanship is exquisite and very artistic. It is unhesitatingly attributed to Mino da Fissolo.

Several of the figures are damaged, having been broken by a chisel. When the superimposed wall was raised the tabernacles were plastered over, but the masterpieces are sufficiently well preserved to not diminish their artistic value.

**PUT IT OFF TOO LONG**

While Preparing to Buy Fire Engines

Pennsylvania Town Was Burned.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 31.—The normal school town of Edinboro was damaged by fire to the amount of \$100,000, though none of the school buildings suffered. The blaze started in the third story of the postoffice building and gutted the business and part of the residence portion of the town. The office and machinery, type and stock of The Independent were entirely destroyed. The town was wholly without fire protection, though at the moment the blaze was discovered a compositor in the Independent office was setting up an ordinance to bond the town for the purchase of fire equipment.

**KEPT RECORD OF HIS DYING IMPRESSIONS****Kalamazoo Lawyer Watched Death's Approach.**

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 31.—When he failed to make an appearance in court yesterday afternoon to try a case that he was scheduled to appear in, an attorney went to the office of William A. Luby, a well-known lawyer, and found him dead and on his desk was a chart in which he described the approach of the end. The chart was started Wednesday afternoon and was continued until 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

"I am not feeling well. At 12:47 I took medicine for my heart," is the first notation.

"I am taking medicine every two hours."

"At 4:20 my condition does not improve. Am still taking my medicine."

"I must have been asleep the last two hours, I do not remember," wrote Luby shortly after 7 o'clock. "Am alternating pellets."

"At 9 o'clock he wrote, "I am not feeling as easy." During the next several hours there is no mention of his condition. At 2 o'clock in the morning he wrote the following: "Cold. I know my condition is serious. It is hard to breathe. I am—" and there the note ended.

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Wheat—Wagon, \$1.21; No. 2 red, \$1.25. Corn—No. 2, 62½c. Oats—No. 2, 47c. Cat-tle—Steers, \$6.75@\$8.60. Hogs—\$6.75@\$8.70. Sheep—\$3.00@\$5.15. Lambs—\$4.50@\$7.10.

At St. Louis.

Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.29. Corn—No. 2, 62½c. Oats—No. 2, 47c. Cat-tle—Steers, \$6.75@\$8.60. Hogs—\$6.75@\$8.70. Sheep—\$3.00@\$5.15. Lambs—\$4.50@\$7.10.

At East Buffalo.

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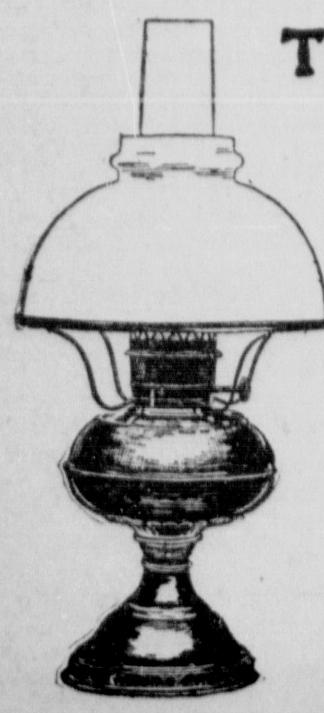
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909

NEXT Monday at noon the new city officers will go on duty.

TONIGHT at 12 o'clock the year of 1909 ends and the year 1910 begins.

NOT for years has the winter been so severe in this section of the country as this year. Those who want winter at the holiday season should be satisfied with the weather this year.

THE women are in the majority in the State Teachers' Association, but

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**PARENTS WERE ABSENT**

Two Little Girls Burn to Death in Home Near Rockport.

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 31.—The two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keller were burned to death. The parents of the children were feeding stock and the children were left alone in the house, in some manner their clothing caught fire and when Mr. and Mrs. Keller entered their home they found the charred bodies. The girls were two and a half years and sixteen months old.

The site of the Grand Central Hotel in New York will be the rhythm for some occupancy. The child is rhythmic to some degree.

Another baby was set in its high chair and given a cloth picture book for half an hour every day. The study time grew longer and books followed boy grew. Study was a habit, and concentration enabled him to acquire in

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Mrs. Belle Purkhiser went to North Vernon this morning to attend the funeral of Engineer Lawrence Amick.

#### The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, backache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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#### PERSONAL.

Maurice Burrell was in the city this morning.

Clyde Keach was here on business yesterday.

Mrs. Leroy Miller went to Brownsburg yesterday.

Miss Grace Burrell went to Brownsburg this morning.

Moct Crabb was here from North Vernon yesterday.

Charles Lockwood, of Kossuth, was here this morning.

Miss Hazel Pruden was here from Cortland yesterday.

Clyde Robertson was here from Honeytown yesterday.

Miss Belle Perry was a passenger to Brownstown yesterday.

Commander John Blish, of Boston, is visiting relatives here.

William H. McConnell, of Washington, was in the city today.

J. H. Westcott made a business trip to Cincinnati this morning.

Sherman Hall, of Crothersville, was a passenger to Brownstown today.

Miss Catharine Hibner was a passenger to Greenwood this morning.

Misses Elva and Bessie Keach were here from Brownstown this morning.

Miss Stella Roseberry returned home this morning from North Vernon.

Miss Edna Downing, of Tampico, is spending a few days here, the guest of relatives.

Daniel George, druggist at Crothersville, was a passenger to Brownstown this morning.

Miss Marie Teckemeyer went to Brownstown Thursday to spend a few days with relatives.

Carl Droege is here from Milwaukee, Wis., to visit his aunt, Mrs. J. H. Droege, and family.

Mrs. Rebekah Elliott and daughter, Miss Esther, were passengers to Cincinnati this morning.

Arvilla Rink, who is teaching school at Medora, returned home from Indianapolis this morning.

County Clerk John R. Tinder was here from Brownstown this morning a short time between trains.

Mrs. Ed Jackson has returned from New Albany, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Verna

Anna Fitzgibbon, of Sparksville, returned home this morning from attending the teachers' association.

Misses Alma and May McKee, of Shelbyville, were here this morning and went west on the accommodation.

Carl Wipperman went to Columbus Thursday afternoon after spending several days here with friends and relatives.

After spending a week here among relatives, Mrs. George Atkisson and children have returned to their home at Madison.

Joseph Yost returned to Newcastle Thursday after a short visit with his father, Dr. H. E. Yost, and other relatives at Vallonia.

Misses Della and Ada Manion, of Brownstown, were here Thursday evening en route home from attending the teachers' association.

Lafayette Heiman has returned home from Brownstown, where he has been hunting with his brother, Jabez Heiman and Joel Corbett.

Mrs. Samuel Hulse and three daughters, Misses Ruth, Hazel and Zettie, are the guests of the family of Henry Miller, on E. Sixth street.

H. C. Lewis, is here from Gunnerville, Ala., spending a few days with his brother, Robert Lewis, of S. Walnut street, and other relatives.

M. E. Downing, of Louisville, who has been visiting his brother, Ralph Downing, and other relatives since Christmas, has returned home.

A. A. Anderson, general manager of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Southern Traction Company, was transacting business here Thursday.

Miss Ida Sutherland, of Medora, was in the city this morning en route home from attending the meeting of the state teachers' association at Indianapolis.

Mrs. L. D. Hamilton and her daughters, Esther and Elizabeth, who have been in this city for several days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Birch Shutts, have returned home.

Miss Ruby Gossman, one of the teachers in the Brownstown schools, was in the city Thursday en route home from attending the state teachers' association at Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holcher, of Gerard, Ill., who have been the guests of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Tunley, and husband of Fifth and Poplar streets since Saturday evening, left for their home Thursday.

T. V. Pruitt, principal of the schools at Brownstown, was in the city this morning en route home from attending the meeting of the state teachers' Association in session at Indianapolis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Knost, of Brownstown, were in the city this morning en route home from attending the meeting of the state teachers' association at Indianapolis. Mr. Knost is teaching in the schools at Sparksville this year.

# Our Annual After Stock Taking Sale Will Begin About January 15, 1910.

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#### Weather Indications.

Fair and warmer tonight, Saturday partly cloudy and warmer.

#### Once a Deer Paddock in Yonkers.

In the early days of the Phillips Manor House at Yonkers, N. Y., a deer paddock was maintained in the rear of the mansion. Sometimes they would escape and swim the Hudson river, disappearing in what is now New Jersey.

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## SIXTY YEARS A HARPIST.

Rosalie Spohr a Figure in Berlin's Musical and Social Life.

One of the most interesting characters in the musical life of Berlin is Rosalie Spohr, the harpist, who is a niece of the great violinist Louis Spohr. She made her first appearance in public on December 13, 1849, at a concert given by Jenny Lind. She attracted attention first because of her distinguished musical descent, but after the world had once heard her her art had made her famous.

There are few women before the public today who play the harp as virtuosos, although one sees them occasionally in the opera orchestras. So it is difficult nowadays to realize that Rosalie Spohr toured Europe in triumph. She found in Franz Liszt a devoted friend and enthusiastic admirer and he was proud to play with her at Weimar as well as give her the benefit of his artistic advice. Her career as a public performer ended after about six years. Then she became the wife of Count Sauerma and the stage knew her no more. She still lives in Berlin, more than 80 years old, but enthusiastic in her devotion to the instrument with which she won the triumphs of her brief professional career. For three hours every day she practices the harp and her technique has for that reason remained very complete for one of her age. Her talent was in a measure hereditary since her aunt was a well known harpist in her day. It was through her playing that Rosalie Spohr, who had begun her musical life as a pianist, turned her attention to the harp.

A widow for more than twenty years it has been her devotion to her art that made her life interesting to her during all this time. Her education was sound in the first place, for she studied for two years under the harpist Grimm, who allowed her to play in public at the end of that period, although it was one of his principles that a harpist should study for ten years. Countess Rosalie has been an intimate friend of the German royal family and both Friedrich and the Empress were delighted to hear her play. Nowadays she is a unique figure in the musical and social life of Berlin and an inspiration to the younger students, who see what a joy and consolation an art may be to one who has acquired it faithfully.

## OIL LAKE IN GULF OF MEXICO.

Strange Story Brought to Galveston by Ship Captains.

Reports from ship captains entering this port tell of a great and growing oil lake out in the gulf which is evidently fed from the oil deposits feeding the oil fields of Texas. While it is known this oil lake, situated about 100 miles southeast of Galveston, has existed for several years, it is only recently that it has begun to spread out and is now reported to be more than one mile in diameter, while another ship captain said the surface of the water was covered with bubbling oil as far as their eyes could see.

The latest report is from Capt. Nettleton of the British steamship *Cambrian*, just in from Liverpool. He reports the oil bubbling from three distinct jets in the gulf and says the oil deposit is thickening and spreading at a rapid rate. At this point the gulf is 5400 feet, or over a mile deep, and a tremendous pressure is required to force this heavy oil through this body of water for over a mile and then shoot it out in three streams.

A survey of the chart of the gulf and the oil fields shows that the lake in the gulf is in a direct line with the strata of oil from which the east Texas fields are supplied.

Whether the recent hurricane, plowing through the gulf, has punctured the oil strata, or whether the release of this immense quantity of oil is due to a subterranean earthquake or disruption is not known. Some experts incline to the opinion that a terrific explosion in the bed of the gulf is responsible for this tapping of the oil in the bowels of the earth.—*Galveston Tribune*.

Now a Society Milliner.

Miss Maude Converse, one of the society leaders of Washington, has opened a millinery establishment in the fashionable northwest district of that city. Miss Converse is a daughter of the late Rear Admiral Converse, once chief of the bureau of navigation. After the death of their father, it was reported that because of financial circumstances, Miss Olga Converse and Miss Maude Converse would go into business or on the stage. Miss Olga is an amateur première danseuse. Rumor is strong that on Miss Olga's return from Europe next year she will appear on the professional stage. The fashionables of Washington are flocking to Miss Converse, who acknowledges that she gained much of her notion to open the shop from the successful venture of Lady Duff Gordon in London.

Noah White's Sheep.

Not long ago Noah White of Chesapeake had a butting sheep. This sheep went across the Blue Ridge in Union county on a visit and while there went to the house of a lady with her flock of sheep. This lady decided to put the strange sheep up until its owner called for it, but lo and behold! she made a failure, for the sheep commenced to fight. The lady made for the house, the sheep in hot pursuit, butting her every step until the door was reached. Then it entered, and did not stop until it ran not only the lady but every child she had off of the place. After staying a while it left, and the family took possession of the house again.—*Dahlonega Nugget*.

British Vaudeville Trust.

Vaudeville shows in England will shortly become the monopoly of a huge trust, as far as the management is concerned. The several great "circuits" which at present divide the field between them have come to an arrangement to work together. These organizations represent an aggregate of \$5,000,000 a year in performers' salaries, a large proportion of which goes to American artists. The new trust will be known as "The Variety Exchange." Its work will be to control the booking of artists, the erection of economy. These organizations represent overlapping and waste of money in the vaudeville world.

A Thirty Pound Mushroom.

An interesting thing in the mushroom line came to light recently when a giant specimen weighing over thirty pounds was found near Pittsburgh by one of the professors in the Carnegie school. The mushroom was edible, it was found, and though it may not have been the growth of a night it certainly grew in less than forty-eight hours, since a search of its locality made the day previous to that on which it was found disclosed no evidence of it. If mushroom growers could arrange to cultivate this particular species more than one mushroom fortune might be the result.—*The Epicure*.

Voting Compulsory in Spain.

Only a minority of those entitled to the franchise in Great Britain ever exercise

the privilege so fiercely sought by the suffragettes. Things are ordered differently in Spain. There voting is held to be a duty to the community and neglect of civic obligations carries its own penalty. Men of legal age and under 70, with the exception of priests, notaries and judges, are required to vote in municipal elections. Failure to cast a ballot is punishable by having taxes increased 2 per cent, and by suffering a deduction of 1 per cent. in salary, if employed in the public service, and for a second offence by loss of right to hold elective or appointive office.—*New York Sun*.

## BISMARCK'S LOVE AFFAIRS.

New Biography Tells of His Affection for an Englishwoman.

A new Bismarck biography, written by Prof. Erich Marck, contains interesting revelations regarding the Iron Chancellor's youthful loves. It was "a charming English girl," described by Prof. Marck as a Miss Russell, who belonged to the "highest English aristocracy," to whom the young statesman first paid attention court and to whom he was at one time engaged. Bismarck was 22 years old and had just mounted the first rung of the Prussian bureaucratic ladder as a "referendar" at Aix-la-Chapelle.

He met Miss Russell at Wiesbaden in 1836 in the company of her uncle and aunt, "the Duke and Duchess of C." The young people's acquaintance was renewed in 1837, and on that occasion Bismarck made no secret of his tender fondness for "the British blonde of unusual beauty."

Bismarck is said by his biographer to have been so devoted to Miss Russell that he neglected pressing official duties to follow her to Switzerland, and a betrothal "appears actually to have taken place." Bismarck is said to have exceeded his leave from official duties by two months. Then, remembering that he was a Prussian civil servant, he wrote from Berne to his superiors begging him for forgiveness.

Shortly afterward the engagement to the "irresistible English miss" was broken off, "when, where or why," writes Marck, "nobody seems to ever have heard." But Bismarck took it much to heart, and his biographer tells of letters and incidents to prove that for a long time he was melancholy and depressed.

## BRITISH IMMIGRANTS.

Settlement in England of American Millionaires Pleases Natives.

It is not a little consolation to the patriotic Briton to observe the steady flow of immigration of the wealthy classes of other nations into England and Scotland. It is flattering that those who can afford to live exactly where they choose should be coming to us in such considerable numbers from the United States and elsewhere, and the movement is one likely to increase greatly. Twenty years ago the idea of foreigners hunting at Melton, shooting in Scotland, house boating on the Thames or indulging in any other of the many delightful sports we have to offer them was almost unknown.

Today the number of foreign millionaires who have made England their home is much more considerable than might generally be supposed. We are inclined to think that the movement is a good one in every way from the British point of view. Many of our immigrants bring with them handsome sons and daughters who settle down among us and add that mixture of new blood which is essential to the vitality of all nations. Many of them restore ancient homes that might otherwise fall into complete decay, maintain large and costly establishments and spend their fortunes freely with our tradesmen. They help to pay our taxes and generally to support our national institutions, and we have no doubt that when their compatriots learn how agreeably they are welcomed the tide of millionaire immigration will set in steadily toward the most delightful residential country in the world.

The sadness of the spectacle of the departing Englishmen, which may be seen almost any day in the week on the Liverpool landing stage, is nowadays a little mitigated by the fact that a goodly number are going to the King's dominion of Canada, and is somewhat compensated for by the fact that almost every day the gorgeous regal and "bridal" suites of state rooms of the Atlantic floating palaces are bringing immigrants to Great Britain who, once having tasted its pleasures, are apparently loath to return to their native land.—*London Mail*.

## Legal Reform and the Steinheil Case.

It is said that Barthou, the French minister of justice, is meditating measures of reform in the code of criminal procedure, and that the new measures have been suggested by American criticism of the inquisitorial attitude of the judge in the Steinheil case. If this report should turn out to have a basis of fact, the sensitiveness of the French mind and its finely tempered passion for perfection would receive a new and convincing illustration. Incidentally our own slowness in conforming our criminal law practice to our own moral ideals would suffer a severe rebuke. The theory that the French people are decadent gains no warrant or credit from either of the two world-heralded trials-at-law that have made so deep an impression upon foreigners. The Dreyfus case revealed a grave injustice and a serious social problem. But it revealed also the heart of great people, a people with a conscience so delicate and so persistent that it would go to any length to undo a discovered wrong.—*New York Daily News*.

## Victor Hugo's Superstition.

An amusing story of Victor Hugo is related in a French contemporary. The poet had accepted an invitation to dine at the house of one of those ardent Republicans who at the time were wittily dubbed "les précieuses radicales."

The dinner hour had passed some time without any announcement that the dinner was served, when one of the company, a friend of Victor Hugo, inquired of the hostess the cause of the delay. The latter explained that owing to the last moment there would be thirteen instead of fourteen at the table, so she had sent to find another to make the fourteenth.

A moment later the same individual was conversing with Victor Hugo. "Do you know why we are waiting?" asked the poet. "Yes," was the reply, "some imbecile is afraid to sit at table when there are thirteen." Victor Hugo, in a solemn and severe tone, replied: "The imbecile is I."

## Disciplined for Dueling.

Queen Wilhelmina has approved the sentence for Baron Van Der Capellen, colonel of horse, condemned to imprisonment for duelling. She refused commutation, though the baron is one of her closest friends, and though he did not start the fight. He was challenged by another army officer and had no alternative but to fight or go to court, which latter is against the officers' code of honor. However, the Queen is afraid that if she extended a pardon to him duelling might become a practice in the Dutch army, and to this the Queen is violently opposed.

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## I WONDER.

When the plays were sound  
And the plots were good,  
And the choruses were sweet,  
As a chorus should,  
We all would roughhouse the whole show  
through,  
And the ushers did business by two and  
two,  
When the plays were sound  
And the plots were good.  
Now the play's risque  
And the plots are worse,  
While the lines they say  
And the clothes are terse;  
But now we'll loll through the whole  
show—  
Are we badder or better, I'd like to know,  
Now the play's issue  
And the plots are worse?

—Harvard Lampoon.

## HIS ILL-GOTTEN GOLD

Young Jimmy Bronson stood hesitating in front of the great mansion—the splendid home where the shades were tightly drawn, and no sign of life came from the still interior. Bronson wanted to enter that house—had good and special reasons for desiring to go in—but when he arrived at the stately palace, and was almost up the steps, he hesitated. He had the queerest, maddest, oddest mission in the world, and his courage was oozing out of him.

That morning, glancing over the papers, Jimmy had learned that Col. Lawton

took a sudden turn for the better yesterday afternoon. Dr. Ponsonby, the attendant physician, found the colonel in high spirits and greatly improved when he made his afternoon visit, and late last night the colonel was sleeping peacefully, with the glow of returning health upon his face and a delighted smile upon his lips. Dr. Ponsonby now thinks the old warrior will live for twenty years to come.

The paper dropped from young Bronson's hands.

"How on earth," moaned he, "am I ever going to fix things up about that money?"—W. A. Phelon in the New York Telegraph.

ready in my possession is to remain absolutely mine. Do you see the idea. You can see how that would square me with my folks and with the girl, and—and well, I'd bless your memory forever."

Again a paroxysm of delight seized the dying man. When he had finished his laugh he extended a thin but still sinewy hand and grasped Jimmy's digits firmly.

"My boy," said he, "I'll do it. I'll state that you rendered me great services years ago, and you can square it with the girl and your parents by some ingenious explanation—frame that to suit yourself. Leave it to me. What's your full name and home address?"

Jimmy Bronson went home walking on air. He slept soundly that night, with only one sad thought to trouble him—the fact that so grand an old gentleman as Col. Lawton must soon pass away.

At breakfast he scanned the morning

papers, eagerly hunting for items con-

cerning the colonel. Ere long he found one, and this was what it said:

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**VICTOR HUGO IN EXILE.**

House in Which He Lived at Guernsey

—Its Furnishings and Mottoes.

Gauntville house in St. Peter Port,

Guernsey, Victor Hugo's home while in

exile, remains exactly as he left it. It is

held by his descendants. Victor Hugo's

character is written on the walls and

ceilings of every room in the house. Each

is distinctive and filled with priceless pic-

tures, tapestries and furniture.

The dining room is "papered" with

Dutch Delft ware, and in a recess a

salt cellar made by a pupil of Michel

Angelo valued at \$600. The study is a

bare and inconvenient room. It com-

mmands magnificent views of Sark, Herm,

Jethou, Castle Cornet and the harbor,

and leads into a small room used by

the novelist as a rest and sleeping cham-

ber, lined with volumes bearing the

marks of his own use.

Not the least interesting of the fea-

tures are, the correspondent points out,

the mottoes and aphorisms written up

in unexpected places. "Life is an exile"

is inscribed on the door of the dining

room; on the bed prepared for Garibaldi (which was never occupied) one

may read: "Nox, Mors, Lux," in the oak

galleried three chairs inscribed

"Pater," "Mater," "Filius," and under-

neath "Filius" is written "Amatus

"Amat."

In the red drawing room and other

splendid apartments are tables that be-

longed to Charles II., a bedstead of

François I., and a fire screen worked by

Mme. Pompadour, a white and gold des-